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SUBJ: APPROVAL OF CEILING AND COST SHARING FOR 1975-79 INFRA-  
STRUCTURE PROGRAM

REFS: A. PO/74/170 B. STATE 5452

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMAL PERMREP

DISCUSSIONS ON 14 JANUARY AND DPC DISCUSSION OF PO/74/170  
ON 16 JANUARY, SYG INTENDS TO RAISE SUBJECT OF RESIDUAL RESERVA-  
TIONS ON 1975-79 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT,  
EITHER AT INFORMAL MEETING 21 JANUARY OR AT NEXT DPC MEETING.  
HIS APPARENT PURPOSE IS TO FORMALIZE AN ACTION PROGRAM TO RESOLVE  
OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES.

2. IN EFFECT, FINAL APPROVAL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM  
REQUIRES LIFTING OF UK, US AND TURKISH RESERVATIONS, AS WELL AS  
THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP  
NOW ENGAGED IN SCREENING OF US CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAM  
IN SUPPORT OF US FORCES. AS WE SEE THE RELATIVE TIMING, LIFTING  
OF THE UK RESERVATION REQUIRES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE  
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WORKING GROUP'S SCREENING PROCESS. LIFTING OF THE US  
RESERVATION REQUIRES 1) FAVORABLE RESPONSE BY CONGRESSIONAL  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO LETTER OF SECDEF (REF B) AND 2) UNANIMOUS  
APPROVAL BY THE ALLIES OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM. TURKISH RESERVA-

TION AGAINST PAYMENT TOWARD THE SPECIAL PROGRAM IS NOT DEPENDENT ON EITHER OF THOSE ACTIONS AND CAN BE WORKED IN PARALLEL. WE INTEND TO SUPPORT NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF SUGGESTION THAT TURKS AGREE TO A SLIGHTLY LARGER SHARE OF THE NORMAL PROGRAM, THUS ALLOWING OTHERS TO PICK UP TURKISH SHARE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM. TURKISH DELEGATION REPS APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN APPROACH COULD SUCCEED WITH ANKARA AUTHORITIES.

3. WHEN LUNS RAISES THE SUBJECT, WE SHOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT SECDEF HAS REQUESTED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND THAT WE WILL NOTIFY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WHEN APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY CONGRESS. IN ADDITIONAL, WE INTEND TO REMIND SYG AND ALLIES THAT OUR EVENTUAL AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPROACH APPROVED BY DEFENSE MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1974 AND THUS REQUIRES LIFTING OF BOTH THE UK AND TURKISH RESERVATIONS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.MCAULIFFE

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